

there cannot be the kind of exchange that would permit the answering of questions on the minds of Senators. The Parliamentarian has advised me that, in his judgment, this is consistent with the statute. It touches upon points not covered by the statute, and it embraces the limitations of the statute. . . .

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: Is there objection to the unanimous-consent request? The Chair hears none, and the request is agreed to.

## **§ 4. Presidential Nominations for Vice President**

### ***Transmittal Message***

**§ 4.1 When the President, pursuant to section 2 of the 25th amendment to the Constitution, nominates a Vice President to take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses, a message transmitting his nomination is laid before the House by the Speaker.**

On Oct. 13, 1973,<sup>(19)</sup> the Speaker<sup>(20)</sup> laid before the House the

**19.** 119 CONG. REC. 34032, 93d Cong. 1st Sess. For proceedings incident to the Senate's receipt of a similar message see 119 CONG. REC. 34111, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Oct. 13, 1973.

See 120 CONG. REC. 29366, 93d Cong. 2d Sess., Aug. 20, 1974, for similar proceedings relating to the nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller as Vice President.

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following message from the President of the United States:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of the Twenty-fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, I hereby nominate Gerald R. Ford, of Michigan, to be the Vice President of the United States.

RICHARD NIXON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE,  
October 13, 1973.

### ***Referral to Committee***

**§ 4.2 The Speaker referred the President's nomination of a Vice President to the Committee on the Judiciary, which has jurisdiction over matters relating to Presidential succession.**

On Oct. 13, 1973,<sup>(1)</sup> the Speaker<sup>(2)</sup> referred to the Committee on the Judiciary a message from the

**1.** 119 CONG. REC. 34032, 93d Cong. 1st Sess. See 119 CONG. REC. 34111, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Oct. 13, 1973, where, in the Senate, the nomination was referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

Similarly, on Aug. 20, 1974, the nomination by President Gerald R. Ford of Nelson A. Rockefeller as Vice President was referred in the House to the Committee on the Judiciary. See 120 CONG. REC. 29366, 93d Cong. 2d Sess.

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President of the United States nominating a Vice President.

### ***Confirmation***

#### **§ 4.3 The House agreed to a resolution confirming a Presidential nomination for Vice President of the United States and then received a message from the Senate announcing that body's confirmation of the nomination.**

On Dec. 6, 1973,<sup>(3)</sup> pursuant to a special order,<sup>(4)</sup> the House considered and agreed to a resolution (H. Res. 735) reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union confirming a Presidential nomination for Vice President of the United States:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives confirm the nomination of Gerald R. Ford, of the State of Michigan, to be Vice President of the United States.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

3. 119 CONG. REC. 39899, 39900, 93d Cong. 1st Sess.
4. See 119 CONG. REC. 39807, 39812, 39813, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Dec. 6, 1973, for proceedings incident to the House's agreement to a resolution, H. Res. 738, making in order consideration of the confirmation resolution.

Thereupon, the House received a message from the Senate announcing that body's confirmation<sup>(5)</sup> of the nomination.

Similarly, on Dec. 19, 1974,<sup>(6)</sup> pursuant to a special order, House Resolution 1519,<sup>(7)</sup> the House considered and agreed to a resolution (H. Res. 1511) reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union confirming a Presidential nomination for Vice President of the United States:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives confirm the nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller, of the State of New York, to be Vice President of the United States.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Thereupon, the House received a message from the Senate announcing that body's confirmation<sup>(8)</sup> of the nomination.

5. For proceedings incident to the Senate's confirmation of the nomination see 119 CONG. REC. 38224, 38225, 93d Cong. 1st Sess., Nov. 27, 1973.
6. 120 CONG. REC. 41516, 41517, 93d Cong. 2d Sess.
7. See *id.* at pp. 41419–516, for text of H. Res. 1519 and debate on H. Res. 1511.
8. For proceedings incident to the Senate's confirmation of the nomination, see 120 CONG. REC. 38918–36, 93d Cong. 2d Sess., Dec. 10, 1974.